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Excessive drinking rises



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The average number of drinks a UMD binge drinker consumes is on the rise. See Centerspread for the full story.

Stress may provoke depression in students

By Jen Draz
Statesman Staff Reporter

To help students understand depression, UMD Health Services and the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) offered a depression screening for students in the ballroom last Wednesday.

"Students have the opportunity to get help and free and confidential services," said sophomore and SHAC member Shannon Andersen.

Depression can affect people in different ways showing different symptoms, including weight loss, irritability, intense crying and decreased energy. The screening offers students a chance to find out if they should seek help for their feelings.

Depression ranks among one of the top ten reasons why students report having academic trouble at UMD,

according to a study done by the National College Health Association (NCHA) in 2004.

The average age of depression surfacing in a person is from ages 22-25, but college is just a coincidence on the timing according to Nancy Minahan, Ph.D., professor of psychology at University of Wisconsin-Superior.

"Depression probably, for some genetic reason, tends to become more prevalent in early adulthood," said Mark Ham, Ph.D., a licensed, clinical psychologist.

Ham said depression can be triggered by stress, and college is full of stressors that mental health experts warn about. Stressors include: being in a new environment, financial pressures, trying to balance work and school, greater academic demands and changes in family relationships.

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Femicide speaker helps raise awareness at UMD

By Sarah Doty
Statesman Staff Reporter

Three years ago Patricia Cervantes said goodbye to her daughter Neyra as she was headed off to work and never saw her again. Last week, Cervantes was at UMD to tell her daughter's story.

"My main objective is that one day we can see justice carried out and (see) the guilty parties go to jail," Cervantes said, interpreted by Maureen Tobin Stanley.

On May 13, 2003 Cervantes' daughter disappeared, and in June, Cervantes was called to go and identify her daughter's clothing.

Cervantes and her family are just one of the more than 400 families that have been affected by losing a loved one to femicide in the cities of Juarez and Chihuahua City, Mexico.

Femicide is defined by the movie "On the Edge: The Femicide in Ciudad Juarez," as "the killing of women because they are women."

"This topic affects everyone," said Susana Pelayo-Woodward, the director of the Hispanic/Latino/Chicana Learning Resource Center. "Women across the world are being harmed for being women. We should be concerned as a society. This is an epidemic."

According to Pelayo-Woodward, this is not only happening in Mexico, it is happening everywhere.

That is why she believes it was important to bring Cervantes to UMD.

Even though it's a global issue, we can

Femicide is defined by the movie "On the Edge: The Femicide in Ciudad Juarez," as "the killing of women because they are women."

bring it to UMD and help create awareness," said Women's Resource and Action Center (WRAC) intern Katy Brandes.

Since her daughter's disappearance, Cervantes has joined a group called Justice for Our Daughters which was started more than four years ago in Chihuahua City.

They are a "non-government organization composed of the families of women who have disappeared or who have been murdered,"

according to their website.

Some goals of the organization are to defend human rights, create documentation of investigations, formulate complaints at the national and international levels and establish communication with the government according to their website.

Through this organization, Cervantes hopes that other women will speak out.

"Our daughters were murdered for being women, having women bodies, being poor, being beautiful," said Cervantes.

Yet, the authorities are not doing anything, they may even be involved she said.

Her accusation is powerful, but she also shared some shocking statistics. Cervantes said that in the last 13 years since the percentage of femicide has dramatically increased, not one person has been prosecuted.

"Mostly the authorities are sleeping at their desks," she said. "But now they are starting to investigate."



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Prior UMD student, Elizabeth McPeck stands outside during femicide awareness gathering.

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NEWS NOW

MINNEAPOLIS MAY CHANGE VOTING

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Next month, voters in Minneapolis will decide **State** whether to challenge that age-old political adage: one person, one vote. A referendum on city ballots asks whether they want to elect future mayors, city councilors and other board members by instant-runoff voting.

It's a system used in Ireland, Australia and London, but only in San Francisco and two smaller cities in the United States.

In short, voters get a chance to rank their choices for each office. It would eliminate primary elections and, in some elections, voters' second and third picks will help propel candidates to victory.

"It's critically important that we vote with our true conscience," said Jeanne Massey, lead coordinator for the Minneapolis Better Ballot Campaign, a key group stumping for instant-runoff voting.

Supporters say it would reduce political mudslinging and encourage more issue-oriented campaigning.

Opponents contend that instant-runoff voting gives fringe or long-shot candidates enormous influence in outcomes.

Instant-runoff voting is "really based on an assumption that there's not a dime's worth of difference between candidates," said Minneapolis resident Steve Cross. "If I vote, I want to vote for one candidate. One person, one vote."

City officials estimate it would cost \$1.8 million to make the conversion, primarily for new equipment.

The system relies on a different method of counting votes. A candidate who wins a majority of first-choice votes, typically 50 percent, would be the winner. But if no one passes that threshold, the candidate with the least number of first-choice votes is eliminated.

Second-choice votes from that candidate are distributed to the other candidates. The process goes on until a candidate receives a majority of votes.

HEATING BILLS TO LOWER 1 PERCENT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Winter heating bills are expected to be slightly **Nation** lower for most families across the nation, with the highest reductions for those who use natural gas, the government said Tuesday.

Families using natural gas should expect to pay an average of \$119 less during the upcoming winter compared to last year, a decrease of 13 percent, the Energy Department said. Those heating their homes with fuel oil will pay \$91 more, an increase of 6 percent, it said.

The department said that propane users can expect to pay \$15 less this winter, a drop of 1 percent.

Natural gas is the most widely used source of fuel for residential heating in the nation, especially in the Midwest. Fuel oil is used heavily in the Northeast.

Government and industry officials note that weather can always play a major factor in costs. If parts of the nation experience an unusually cold winter, heating prices can jump.

"As always, the uncertainty is substantial and significantly colder temperatures could lead to substantially greater expenditures," said Guy Caruso, head of the Energy Information Administration, the Energy Department's statistical agency.

Last year, there was concern that heating bills would soar following the struggles of the oil and gas industry to recover from hurricanes Katrina and Rita. But the warmest January on record reduced demand and helped temper some of the expenses for consumers.

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration projected Tuesday that most of the country will see above-normal winter temperatures, though slightly cooler than last year's very warm winter. From December through February, forecasters said they expect warmer than average temperatures in the West, Southwest, the Plains, the Midwest, most of the Northeast, the northern mid-Atlantic and most of Alaska.

INDIA ENFORCES CHILD LABOR BAN

NEW DELHI (AP) — A ban on child labor took effect Tuesday, but at **World** roadside food stalls across New Delhi, many of the boys and girls who serve glasses of piping hot tea, wash dishes, mop floors and take out trash were not celebrating.

The children of India's tens of millions of poor families are expected to work, and in many cases they are the sole breadwinners.

"As it is, I barely make enough to survive," said 12-year-old Dinesh Kumar, who has been doing odd jobs since coming to New Delhi three years ago from a village in eastern India. "This will be a bad blow. I really don't know what I'll do."

The new law bans hiring children under age 14 as servants in homes or as workers in restaurants, tea shops, hotels and spas.

Despite the subcontinent's emerging economic power, child labor remains widespread in India. Conservative estimates place the number of children covered by the new law at 256,000.

All told, an estimated 13 million children work in India, many of them in hazardous industries, such as glass making, where such labor has long been banned.

Officials say the new law will help take children out of the workplace and put them in school.

Critics counter that earlier bans in other industries had little impact - a visit to most carpet-weaving operations, for example, reveals dozens of child workers. And the new measure does little to address the poverty at the root of India's child labor problem.

At one roadside tea shop, the Harish Dhaba, talk among the child workers focused on the hardships of the new ban.

"As long as I can remember I've worked in a restaurant, washing dishes, cutting vegetables, throwing out the garbage," said Rama Chandran, a frail-looking 13-year-old as he cleared dishes from grimy wooden tables in the tiny, smoke-filled eatery.

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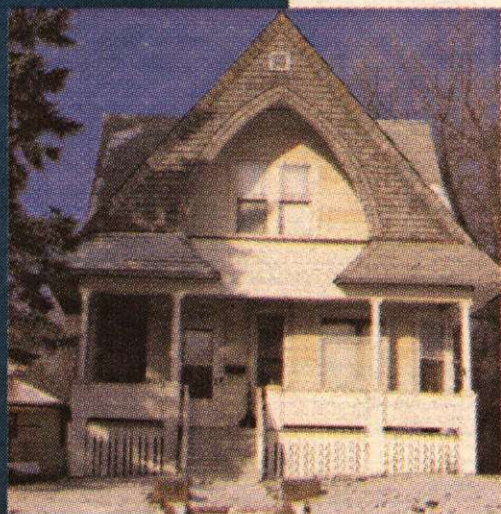
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Alum shares disability story

By Ali Draves
Statesman Staff Reporter

"I am who I am" hosted by Access For All (AFA) in the Rafter last week allowed UMD students to learn more about specific human disabilities.

"AFA's biggest mission is to take away misconceptions and fear about disabilities," said AFA officer Galynn White Jr. "We want to put a human face to these health problems."

It gives people a chance to tell their own story and allows the audience to try out something new, said White.

AFA started the "I am who I am" series, featuring Jim Larson, a man living with a congenital heart defect, as their first speaker.

Larson was born in 1950 with Tetralogy of Fallot, a congenital heart disease with four defects. His heart was only half efficient, receiving only 50 percent of the oxygen he needed to survive.

He was born with major constrictions of the pulmonary artery; his aorta was aimed in the wrong direction, and the right side of his heart was enlarged because it was overworked.

One in 120 babies are born with some kind of heart

defect, and there are about one million adults living with heart defects in the United States, according to the Adult Congenital Heart Association website.

"I'm grateful for my defect. Without it, I wouldn't be so sensitive and observant of the world around me."

— Jim Larson,
Alumnus

Larson attended the University of Minnesota Duluth to become a forester. He put his love for the outdoors and nature to use, while working for St. Louis County for 30 years.

"I could do the job. I was always outside, and I had to take breaks, but I knew my limit," said Larson. "I am almost positive it helped keep me healthy because I remained active and physically fit. Most importantly, I was able to work within my defect."

Larson realizes he has his limits and has to set his own pace.

"When I'm biking a 1000 mile marathon, I don't do it in three to four hours like those crazy people. I do it in about eight to nine hours, and I plug along," said Larson.

Larson retired two weeks ago and hopes to spend more time with the Adult Congenital Heart Association (ACHA).

ACHA's main goal is to help create awareness and better treatment programs for adult congenital defects and the aftermaths.

Larson recently attended an ACHA conference in San Francisco, and plans to become a regional coordinator for the Duluth/Superior area.

Despite setbacks, Larson continues to be positive about his life, and feels pretty limber for being 56 years old.

"Nobody's perfect. And I know this sounds strange, but I'm kind of grateful for my defect. Without it, I wouldn't be so sensitive and observant of the world around me, and I probably wouldn't have had the same opportunities and experiences," said Larson.

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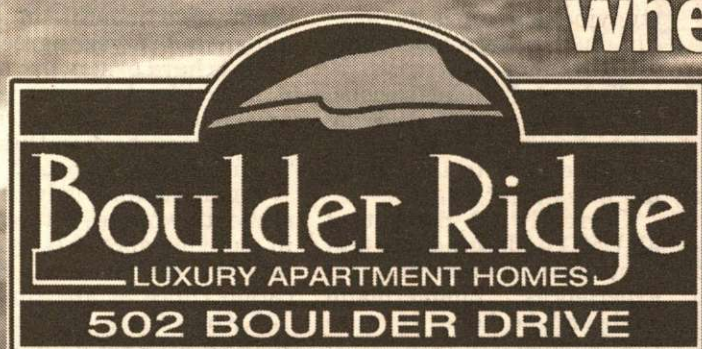


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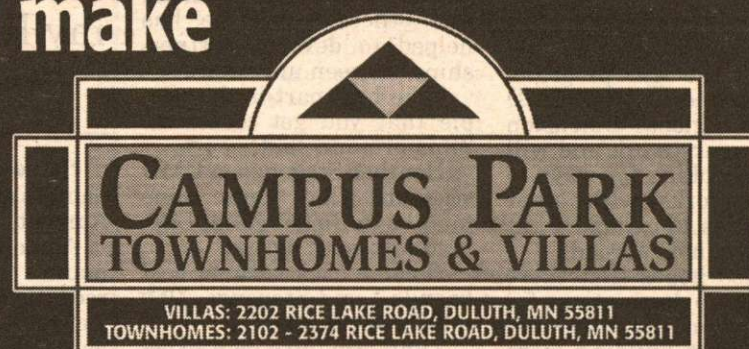
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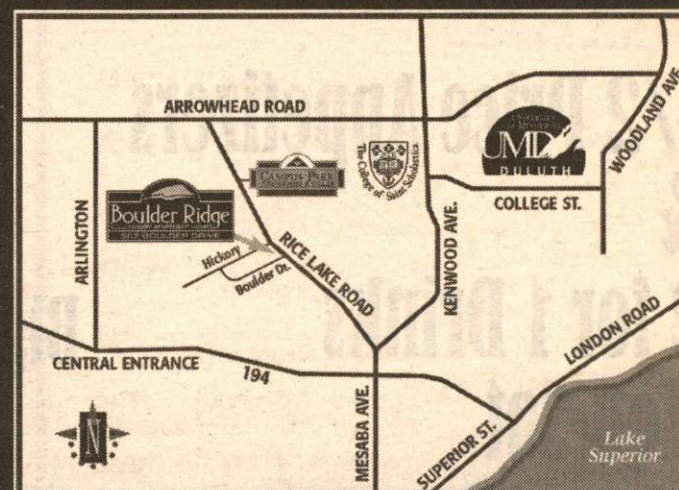
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Study abroad opportunities abundant

By Sarah Doty
Statesman Staff Reporter

In its 20 year history, the UMD International Education Office (IEO) has never had a full-time director, until now, which will provide bigger opportunities for students.

Randal Zimmermann has earned the title and has big plans for the IEO program. He is excited to offer UMD students a global dimension to their coursework and will focus on looking for ways to form networks with other universities to expand what students can do abroad.

He also hopes that there will be more destinations for UMD students to study but realizes that building more programs takes time.

"I am very honored to have the opportunity to dedicate 100 percent of my time to continue to strengthen what we do now, and work with faculty to create new experiences," said Zimmermann.

Partnerships with faculty from universities abroad must be formed before more destinations can be offered

he said.

"It is not a race, it must be strategic," he said.

Building more programs is not something new to Zimmermann. He has spent time in many countries such as Poland, Ukraine, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, China, Hong Kong and others where he has helped to develop partnerships between universities.

"The best part is the people that you get to know," Zimmermann said.

Heather Stegenga, a UMD student who spent nine months in Birmingham England last year, agrees.

"I came back with 44 best friends," said Stegenga. "It's totally worth it."

Zimmermann's own experience with studying abroad started during his junior year in college when he spent nine months studying in Israel. He realized his experience in the Middle East was very different from the United States.

"I learned a lot and fell in love with the whole aspect of travel, language and culture," he said. "It opened my

eyes to so many things."

Jana Aamodt, who spent nine months in England last year agrees with Zimmermann.

"It was the best nine months of my life."

— Howard Mooers,
Professor

"It was the best nine months of my life," said Jana Aamodt. "Definitely go."

Aamodt and Zimmermann's advice was heeded recently by 45 students who were recently announced as participants in the 2006-2007 UMD Study in England Program, according to the UMD website.

These students will spend the year at the University of Birmingham Selly Oak Campus and receive classes from both UMD and British faculty.

Professor Howard Mooers of the UMD Geological Sciences Department had

the experience of spending the fall semester of 2004 in England and had nothing but praise for his time spent abroad.

"It was a great experience," he said. "The beauty of it is how well you get to know the students."

Mooers' advice for those studying abroad is to have fun but to remember why you are there.

"Take your studies serious, but the purpose of studying abroad isn't all about studying... be sure to take it all in," he said.

Currently 29 percent of all UMD undergraduate students have had international experiences Zimmermann said, and he hopes to raise that number.

"I want to reach the goal of 50 percent (participation)," he said.

He also stressed that it isn't just the quantity of students studying abroad, but it is the quality of their experiences. Both the students that study abroad and the geographic area in which they study should be diverse said Zimmermann.

"The world is a book, and one who does not travel reads only a page," said Mooers, quoting a wall hanging his mother once had. "Don't look at studying abroad as a problem or something that will hinder you. Look at it as the opportunity that it is."

Jackie Cartier who also spent nine months in Birmingham last year agrees.

"It is hard to stay put now; it feels like I haven't gone anywhere in forever," said Cartier, now back in Duluth. "I can't wait to go back."

Zimmermann's advice for students who are interested in studying abroad is to stop into the International Education Office at any time in 138 Kirby Plaza or go to the website at www.d.umn.edu/ieo/.

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with issues that you've never dealt with, and you just spiral downhill," said Andersen.

Changes in sleep patterns can hurt the mental state of mind, making a student more susceptible to depression.

"Not having the same sleeping schedule acts in the same way jet-lag acts, which makes you feel tired and grumpy," said Minahan.

Just like students feel depression in different ways, students cope with it differently as well.

Students often times turn to alcohol, nicotine and caffeine to cope, according to

Minahan.

"You take them because they make you feel good, but you'll be paying for that later," Minahan said. "They give you more negative moods than you would have otherwise."

However, depression is not inevitable as a college student.

"It's all about taking the time to take care of yourself," said Ham. "You need eight hours of sleep and don't overly focus on studies, take time to make friendship, have that balance."

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- Work on your personal statement and visit Career Services for help.
- Ask professors to write positive letters of recommendation for you.
- Put in a request for transcripts from the Office of the Registrar.

These tips were compiled from a grad school workshop given by Sonja Olsen from Career Services.

A workshop on the current Graduate Record Exam (GRE) will be given Oct. 18 from 1-2 p.m. in Solon Campus Center 42.

A different workshop on the new GRE effective Oct. 2007 will be given on Nov. 21 at 1 p.m. in Solon Campus Center 42.

Visit Career Services in 21 Solon Campus Center for more information.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The College of William & Mary plans to phase out the use of two Indian feathers in its athletic logo in response to a ruling by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) calling the imagery offensive to Native Americans, the school said.

In a letter to the community, college president Gene R. Nichol lashed out about the NCAA's sanctions that ultimately forced the school to stop using the green and gold logo it has had since the late 1970s.

"I am compelled to say, at the outset, how powerfully ironic it is for the College of William & Mary to face sanction for athletic transgression at the hands of the NCAA," Nichol wrote. "The Association has applied its mascot standards in ways so patently inconsistent and arbitrary as to demean the entire undertaking."

In August, the NCAA denied William & Mary's appeal of a ruling that prohibits it from using the logo at NCAA championship events or from hosting NCAA tournament games where the

logo would be displayed. The school was allowed to continue using its Tribe nickname.

The ruling was part of an ongoing process by the NCAA to review the mascots, nicknames and logos used by more than 30 schools to see if they could be considered "hostile and abusive" to Native Americans.

"We're encouraged that they have made a move to discontinue use of the logo," said Bob Williams, an NCAA spokesman. "From the beginning, the NCAA instituted this policy not as punishment but to ensure that our own NCAA championships are free from Native American imagery."

Nichol said the school decided not to sue the NCAA after losing its appeal, declining to "divert further energies" to defending the logo. He said further action likely would have cost the school's athletes opportunities to compete.

"I will not make our athletes pay for our broader disagreements with a governing association," Nichol said, calling the decision the correct course of action,

despite disappointing some in the community. "We are required to hold fast to our values whether the NCAA does so or not."

Nichol also touted the school's academic standards while pointing out issues taking place at other schools under NCAA supervision.

"Across the country, in the face of massive academic underperformance, embarrassing misbehaviors on and off the field and grotesque commercialization of intercollegiate athletics, the NCAA has proven hapless or worse," Nichol said.

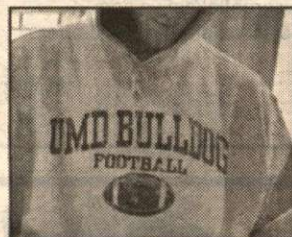
The school plans to replace the logo for the start of the fall 2007 semester through input from a committee of faculty and staff, students and alumni.

Terry Driscoll, the school's athletic director, said the school would not have gone through the appeals process if it didn't think it was doing the right thing.

"Our feathers are not hostile and abusive and we've tried to articulate that," Driscoll said. "We're going to lose that brand... We won't lose our identity."

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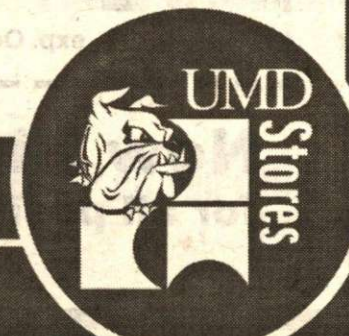
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"The murders are still free and they are laughing at us, the victims, (they are) not laughing at the authorities," she said.

That is why Cervantes keeps fighting. She said that most of the hate is against poor women, and she has to stick up for her daughter or no one else will.

"I believe one has to keep fighting until one dies. Not for one day, but for a lifetime, until God wills," Cervantes said.

Cervantes' UMD visit was sponsored by the Hispanic/Latino/Chicana Learning Resource Center, the UMD Latino/Chicana Student Association and WRAC.

It was part of efforts by the Multicultural Center to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month not only during Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, but throughout the semester.

Another event that recently occurred in Duluth also raised awareness of femicide.

Many people of all ages, races and genders gathered last Thursday night for a Domestic Abuse Candlelight Vigil at Chester Bowl Park

to share in education and hope for an end to domestic abuse and violence all around the world.

The second annual event brought people from both Wisconsin and Minnesota together to listen to speakers and music in honor of October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"We are here to honor women who have lost their lives to domestic violence and celebrate the women who

have survived," said Ed Heisler the Education Advocate and Volunteer Coordinator at the Safe Haven Shelter for Battered Women in Duluth.

More than 25 Minnesotan women and children have been murdered in the past year due to domestic violence, according to the 2006 Minnesota Femicide Report: Preliminary Report.

This number was made even more noticeable on

Thursday when gatherers stood in a circle and lit candles for each of the deceased. As each name and age was read, one by one the candles were put out.

Lonna Stevens, the Director of the Sheila Wellstone Institute was the feature speaker at the vigil and reminded everyone that the most dangerous place for women shouldn't be their homes.

She encouraged everyone to remember, but not only the women of domestic violence but also the families and communities who are affected by domestic violence.

"It's not just a women's issue, it is a community issue," Stevens said.



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Some sacrifice emergency room trips for sports television

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Apparently when sports are on the tube, a person's medical emergency is not all that urgent.

A drop in the number of men going to the emergency room during sports broadcasts on TV is followed by a surge afterward, reports an ER doctor who reviewed case numbers over three years at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

Dr. David Gerrard's study, released Wednesday at a meeting of emergency physicians, didn't surprise the president of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine, Dr. Tom Scaletta. He said he saw much the same thing when he was a medical resident and earned an extra \$100 a game running

the emergency clinic during games at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

"It was a two-stage decision: If they were hurt, whether to go to the hospital or not. If they needed to go to the hospital, could they finish the game or not?"

Jerrard said his study is a follow-up to one he did two years ago, which found about a 30 percent drop in the number of men checking into the Baltimore hospital's ER during sports broadcasts. The new study looks at the four-hour period starting 30 minutes after the end of televised games of the NFL, major league baseball and the University of Maryland football and basketball teams.

Overall, the number of ER visits was about 40 percent

above the average for the same time and day of the week without a sportscast. The biggest increase was after college football games when an average of 15 patients came to the ER, compared to 8 during the same time period on non-game days.

Dr. Larry Baraff, an emergency medicine professor at UCLA, said he's never noticed the pattern Jerrard describes, but added, "It's sort of common sense. If you've got a certain thing you can delay for an hour or two and something you want to do, you'll do it. Hopefully they're not delaying treatment for serious chest pains, but I find that unlikely."

Jerrard said his next analysis will focus on conditions treated. He wouldn't specu-

late on the possibility of post-game fights as a reason for the spike in cases.

Scaletta estimated that about one-third of the Wrigley Field patients who were told to go to a hospital asked if they could wait until after the game.

At least most people hav-

ing a heart attack or stroke knew they needed to leave immediately, he said. "Alcohol, of course, does change the logic stream for a lot of people."



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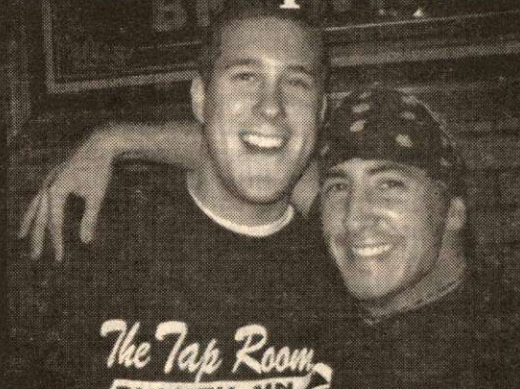
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Our View

Social networking websites allow you a way to meet new people and learn about your current friends in more detail, keeping track of their newest happenings in their life and their thoughts and opinions on various topics. Fields such as political preference, religion choice and the various blogs and fill-in categories ask for individuals to take a moment to ponder.

A striking indication that so many college-aged students of today lack any real opinion and/or purposefully distance themselves from the pressure of arriving at one for many hot-button topics can be seen on those sites. An alarmingly high number of students mark "apathetic," or "Prefer not to say" and turn their blog's attention to that weekend's party or their favorite sitcom.

During most students' collegiate educations they possess opportunities, while they still lack families, mortgage payments, careers, etc to spend time comprehending the complexities of issues such as political affiliation, abortion, war, the death penalty, euthanasia, etc. Instead it can be argued that the vast majority of current students

are spending their time on more trivial matters and as a result are uninformed and lacking any real concern.

When one thinks back to the 1970s and the Vietnam War, among other happenings of the time, one can't forget the resounding voice of the college population across the country. College students stood up and collectively made a stand that has been remembered for thirty plus years. Why then, in a time when another war is underway and foreign countries are declaring nuclear power, is the collegiate voice of America struggling to be heard?

At the finger tips of students are professors, libraries, student groups, organizations, etc. that are all available to help one learn and engage in such issues. It is extremely important to not be another apathetic voice in this country that has become full of them. The fundamental problem with this country today is the majority do care about morality, equality and freedom in their true sense, just not enough to speak up. Apathy will indeed be the end of this country's foundation on personal freedom.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Civil debate dead among the student population at UMD

This great land of ours was built on friction. Men in taverns crafted original ideas about life, government and the rights of man. They then defended those beliefs to each other and the framework of modern democracy was born. Opinions were supported with evidence and they had to hold together under the poking and prodding brought against ideas in the open forum. Things stayed civil, because everyone was working toward a common goal, and slander would only get in the way of that. What I'm talking about is called debate, and sadly it is a concept mostly dead today.

What isn't dead? Propaganda, personal attacks and crafty slogans. Now Americans, if they give a damn to begin with, cheer for a political party like they would a sports team. People join whatever side their parents or friends are on, memorize a few slogans or maybe a few clever quips. Most go from birth

to death without ever questioning what their parents had to say about politics.

If this truly is the way it is, it shouldn't be. If you don't believe me you should pick up a newspaper and see the state of world. People need to know the issues now more than ever and need to vote intelligently, and to do that they need the opportunity to make up their own minds.

This is where UMD can make a difference. The university has the ability to make opportunities for debate and true dialogue like nothing else can. Let's do away with the College Democrats and the College Republicans, and in their places build a forum to rival that of Rome.

My proposition: The Political Club. One room, one time, one day a week. We shut the doors and let the ideas fly. If we keep it civil we just might actually accomplish something.

Brian Heaton

Students have say in where money is spent around campus

Recently, Ms. Forsell wrote a letter to the editor about her concern of being underrepresented by our student government and being unable to decide where her tuition money is spent on campus. As Student Association members, amidst all the feedback that we receive those seem to be some of the more common misconceptions within the student body.

In regards to Ms. Forsell feeling that she was unable to help decide the fate of her tuition money, she is actually wrong, by her claiming to have voted in Student Association elections, she actually did help to determine where her money is being spent. As a United States citizen, this is how we voice our opinions, we vote for the candidate that we feel will best represent us on different political issues including how our money is spent. The

process of how your money is actually spent on campus is a long one. It includes the Student Service Fee Committee that meets for several hours a week listening to proposals from different campus organizations and eventually decides where the money should be spent. The end result of all this tedious work is a proposed budget that must still be approved by the upper levels of administration.

In response to your claims that Student Association has done nothing for the student population, there are several things that Student Association has done, and many more things that we are currently working on. Some of our more recent successes include: extended library hours during finals week, the Bulldog Taxi Program and the Better Neighbors Program. Some things that are currently in the process

include textbook rentals, making improvements to the U card and revamping the guilty by association policy.

In conclusion, as Student Association members, we do our best to be an effective voice for the Student population of UMD. It is your responsibility as a member of the student body to ask the questions and voice your concerns to your representative. There are ample ways to speak with your SA reps, whether it's via e-mail or stopping in for their weekly office hours. A great resource to help you find a SA rep. is our website, which is filled with contact information, project lists and even meetings times; we encourage you to check it out at www.d.umn.edu/~umdsa/.

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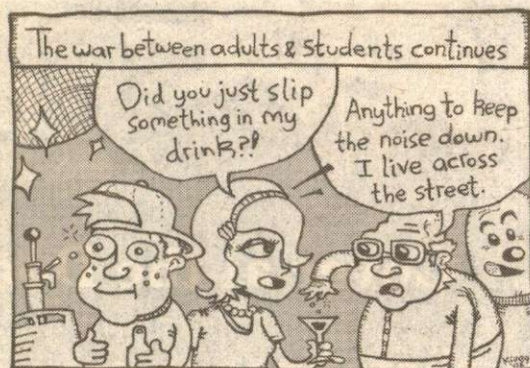
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OPINION

Thursday, October 12, 2006

Lennon's peace message resonates

By Vlady Messing
Statesman Staff Writer

The fact that this past Monday marked John Lennon's 66th birthday, along with the soon-to-be released documentary, "United States vs. John Lennon," only makes it appropriate for us to discuss this beloved persona.

Lennon was, is and probably always will be a artist enjoyed by almost everybody, particularly young people. The charismatic power behind his music and personality is equivalent with the experience of youth itself. He is a timeless and immortal figure whose name and music will be remembered long after our passing; he is a legend. He's a symbol that reminds us to look outside our subjective spheres plagued by inherited and conditioned poisons and look at the bigger picture of it all. Lennon reminds us of life itself. He reminds us that we are nothing except humans, living in a natural world composed of earth and sky, nothing more. Let us pause for a moment and attempt to look upon our world with Lennon's eyes.

We justify war on the grounds of political and socio-economic reasons, yet they are all artificial. We manipulate religion itself and the peaceful prophesy of the god of our choice to justify killing on all sides; we trick our-

Allah would never side with bin Laden, and Christ would have a couple choice words for Cheney and Rumsfeld.

selves into believing it is all for a better cause, yet what does it mean to become better? What true god would allow for war? Allah would never side with bin Laden, and Christ would have a couple choice words for Cheney and Rumsfeld. The idea that

we are to achieve world peace through the means of more and more war seems quite absurd, does it not?

Lennon puts meaning behind the idea of "no worries." He signifies the true concept of freedom that reigns within each one of us and not within the guns and bombs cast forth by Al-Qaeda and Uncle Sam. Lennon was the representation of what it meant to be human; his music transposes the emotions we all feel amidst the various experiences of life.

History repeats itself in a ceaseless, continual flux of greed and power, and most people of the earth truly want nothing more than to just live and enjoy living. There are no good guys or bad guys, and ultimately there are no right or wrong answers. The only answer is the beauty of life itself, so enjoy it, because it's quite short.

Many thanks for the insight John, and happy birthday my dear friend.

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John Lennon was perhaps the most influential rock and roll artist ever. This photo is from a concert in 1972.

Science and God aren't necessarily mutually exclusive

By Brooke Naland
Statesman Staff Reporter

Throughout history, there has been in the minds of people a categorical split between the ways that we view ourselves, society and the universe. The particular split that I wish to confront here is the one that exists between science and spirituality, which are often thought to be two separate, conflicting entities.

It is interesting to note how often this split goes unexamined, and I mean to express that I believe it is time for a change in this divide — not only between these two things in our consciousness, but also between the firm believers and non-believers in modern spirituality.

Perhaps one would be more willing to question this

if given an idea of where it came from. In the 17th century, with his book *Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy*, Isaac Newton published his carefully constructed definition of mass, and his discovery of the laws of gravity and motion.

Until then, these things had been widely believed to be "miracles" of God. Now for many, science has reduced something regarded with a mystical sense of awe and wonder to nothing more than predictable, rational laws and numbers. Since then science has been seen by many as the "bane of religion."

This is a prime example of how, in viewing scientific facts, the common person finds it difficult, or impossible, to reconcile these things with their spirituality, reflecting a shortsightedness in their views of these two

modes of "knowing." Newton himself, in an attempt to make his findings fit with his religious beliefs as well as the beliefs of the society in which he lived, distinguished between a realm of God and a realm of science, which, through no intention of his own, has succeeded to further widen the gap between science and spirituality.

Mankind could not seem to see a universe in which things that could be calculated and given rules could be considered to possess any "spiritual" quality.

However, I have to beg the question... just because we have certain rules and calculations regarding things once thought to be spiritual, does that necessarily mean that they are now unable to contain this "spiritual significance" for being explained by "mundane" means? And,

if there is a conscious all-containing entity (a.k.a. a God/gods) would it be necessary that this God or gods be separate from the realm of science? Also, one needs to consider what their own definition of things such as "miracles" and "spirit" are, and whether or not they are incompatible with science, which is in fact a reliable method of knowing. And if those beliefs are not in fact able to be reconciled with science, then perhaps a person needs to reconsider what he or she believes, instead of blindly following with whatever has been placed in front of him or her.

As Michael Faraday, a major researcher in the study of the paranormal (which relates to the topic of spirituality) once said, "What a weak, credulous, incredulous, unbelieving, supersti-

tious, bold, frightened world ours is."

I could not agree more, and the quote could not be more appropriate for the point I wish to make clear. I am not saying that I believe no one should believe in a higher being of any sort, nor am I saying that anyone who doesn't should convert instantly to a devout faith in the existence of God.

I'm saying there is a need for a greater mindfulness in the choosing of one's beliefs, spiritual or non-spiritual. In the words of Susan Blackmore, another paranormal researcher, "just because you know the earth is not the center of the universe doesn't mean you can't enjoy a starry night."

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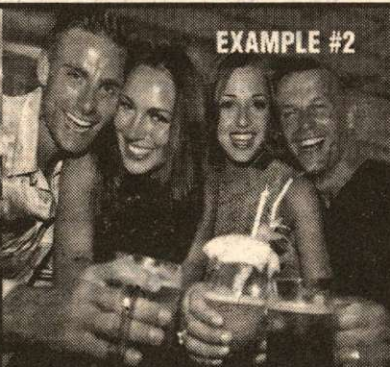
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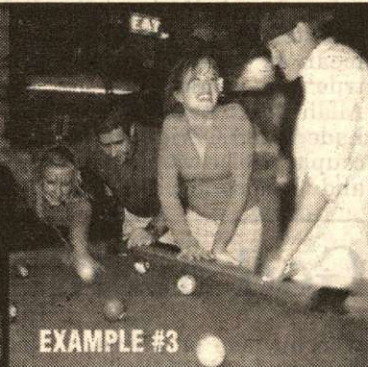
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This puppy is trying to kill me

By Eric Simon
Statesman Staff Writer

Everyone loves a puppy. They're cute, they smell funny, and doggone it, they're just so friendly and playful. However, I should have known that when my wife and I named our puppy Stewie after the "Family Guy" baby, we were unleashing a spawn of Satan that would try his hardest to drive us insane.

Puppies sleep a lot. True when they're not sleeping they resemble mini Tasmanian devils, but this is really only about four to five hours a day. So when I saw Stewie lay down for his nap I thought to myself, "Cool, I can go downstairs and grab the laundry." Big mistake. I heard a thud whilst I was

in the basement, and figured I had about 10 minutes before the pup could do any real damage. However, when I made it upstairs a few minutes later, he was gnawing on a laptop cord. Now there's a lot of cords in my house like speaker wire, phone wire, TV, stereo, etc. This cute, innocent looking animal goes for the one cord in the household that costs \$80 to replace.

Okay, isolated incident. Surely this helpless canine could not cause any more damage. Think again. Here's



ERIC SIMON/STATESMAN

a grand idea, let's take the puppy to the beach! I don't like to swim, so while the wife and in-laws were in the lake, I held Stewie's leash and read a book. At this time Stewie is still a puppy, but a puppy weighing about 45 pounds, mostly muscle

because we're sure his brain weighs next to nothing. I was laying on my stomach, feet in the air, shoes tossed carelessly aside, when Stewie got his first glimpse of a butterfly. He proceeded to run after it, wrapping the rope of his leash around my ankle and giving me one hell of a rope burn.

Rope burn, okay owwww, but no big deal right? Until it gets infected, and I'm hopping around at work trying to cook. The wife and I just thought it was bruised from walking on it so much, because it basically looked like a giant black and blue mark. However, when we asked my neighbor, the nurse, about it she sent me to the ER, without insurance, because she said, "People die from this stuff," \$400

later I'm still alive with two fully functional feet, but I'm pretty sure my puppy is trying to kill me.

Also, at about 6 months of age, Stewie got a deadly disease that, while he fully recovered from it, did put us back about \$1000. Maybe his attempts on my life have stopped, but he still seems bent on putting the wife and I into financial ruin.

Update, he just pooped on the floor, ripped some siding off the garage, chewed up my favorite pair of boxers and I'm off to the nut house.

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The side effects of prescription glasses

By Tristan Tandberg
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People who wear prescription glasses love techno music.. Our sub par vision gives us a heightened sense of hearing. We are able to enjoy aspects of music that normal people will never know. Just like how people with glasses will never know the true magnificence of a sunset. It just looks like a microwave light to us. Are our peas done yet?

But, our powers don't stop

with improved hearing; people with glasses also have a heightened sense of smell. Unfortunately, this gives girls with glasses (GWG) a harder time resisting Axe cologne. You have seen this scientific principle displayed thousands of time in TV commercials and once in real life. But chances are that one time in real life was just coincidence and Axe cologne wasn't a factor. GWG do however have a much easier time resisting stinky guys.

Now stinky guys aren't

that bad. Stinky guys have accomplished a lot. I am a stinky guy. I think Karl Marx was a stinky guy. Stinky guys get girls, but, 95 percent of the girlfriends they get, don't wear glasses.

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Top Ten Signs You Have Friday The 13th Bad Luck

By Eric Simon
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10. Every hall you walk down at UMD has a large tour group in it.
9. Your laptop dies before you get a chance to save the 10 page paper you just finished.
8. After getting home from a hot date, you realize your fly has been open all day.
7. You die in a fiery, hang gliding accident.
6. Your professor's watch is broken, so he lectures an extra hour.
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3. You step in cow poop.
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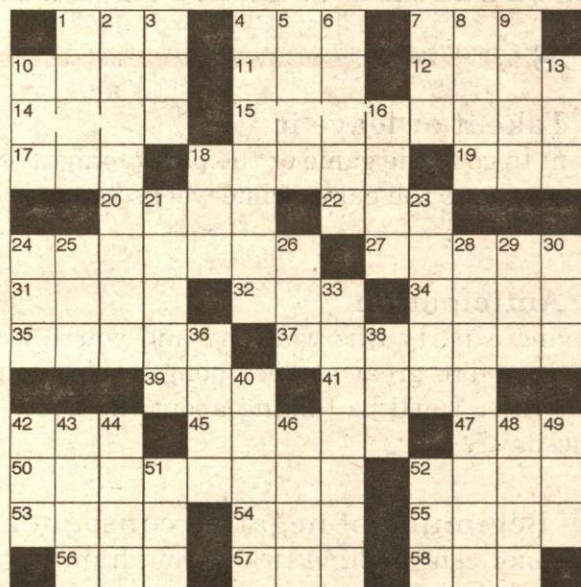
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Students' Opinions on **Binge** Drinking



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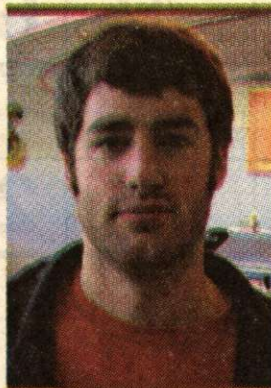
When should someone stop drinking?

"When they're stumbling around and slurring their speech really bad, you just have to have a friend with you to tell you when to stop, I'm pretty good at knowing my limits and when to stop."

Sophomore **Brit Salmela**

When does social drinking transform into a problem?

"They can't control themselves, they're not conscious of what they're doing and usually say something embarrassing about themselves or other people."



Senior **Kris Hogendorn**

Is binge drinking a symptom of alcoholism?

"Binge drinking is 'I want to go out and drink tonight,' alcoholism is 'I have to go out and drink tonight. It's one thing to go out and have a few drinks, it's another thing to say I'm going to drink till I puke.'"

Sophomore **Ashley Ogle**

"I've tried to get a lot of people to stop drinking but there is only so much you can say to get people to do something. The rest is kind of on their own."



Senior **Vickie Wilson**

"I don't know anyone who has a drinking problem by my standards. But I bet they have a drinking problem according to the standards of certain adults."



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Alcohol dependency can be broken down into four phases

Phase I: Take it or leave it

"Do you want to go to the game or the party tonight? Some weeks you may go to the game, some weeks you may go to the party."

Phase II: Anticipation

"You're having a party this weekend and you're looking forward to it, you're great at beer pong, you're going to defend your title. You'll be talking about the party until next Wednesday."

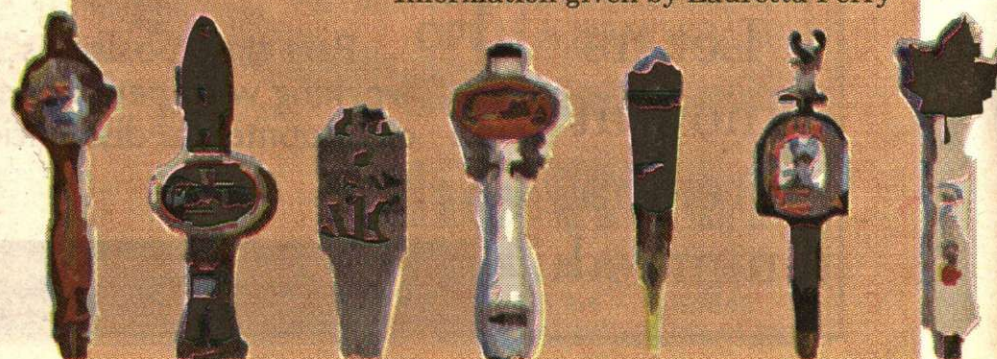
Phase III: Beginning of negative consequences

"A DUI, a minor consumption ticket, you drank up your book, you drank up your rent money or you may begin to have relationship problems."

Phase IV: Acceptance

"During this phase your tolerance for alcohol starts to rise. It gets to the point where your body adapts to the increases levels of alcohol and it feels normal when you're drunk. If you don't drink you start to feel sick."

Information given by Laurretta Perry



Misconceptions of alcohol abuse raise questions for students

By Ted Norgaard

Statesman Staff Reporter

The definition of binge drinking is five or more drinks in one sitting for a male, and four or more drinks in one sitting for a female, according to Henry Wechsler, Ph.D. in the Journal of American Medical Association.

"I think college students find that pretty humorous," said UMD's Chemical Health Educator Loretta Perry. "Even among professionals the definition is controversial."

"The textbook definition of binge drinking is a bunch of bull," said senior Jason Rackner. "I see binge drinking as when you drink 12 beers in a night and just lose control over who you are because of how drunk you've gotten."

A survey issued every spring by the Center for Addiction Studies at UMD found that 88

percent of the student body consumed alcohol at some point last year.

"Binge drinking is really a big deal here, there are just so many judgment issues when someone drinks that much," said Vice-Chancellor of Academic Support and Student Life, Bruce Gildseth. "A lot of our student behavior issues certainly relate to alcohol. It's about the excess that causes behavior and judgment to

deteriorate."

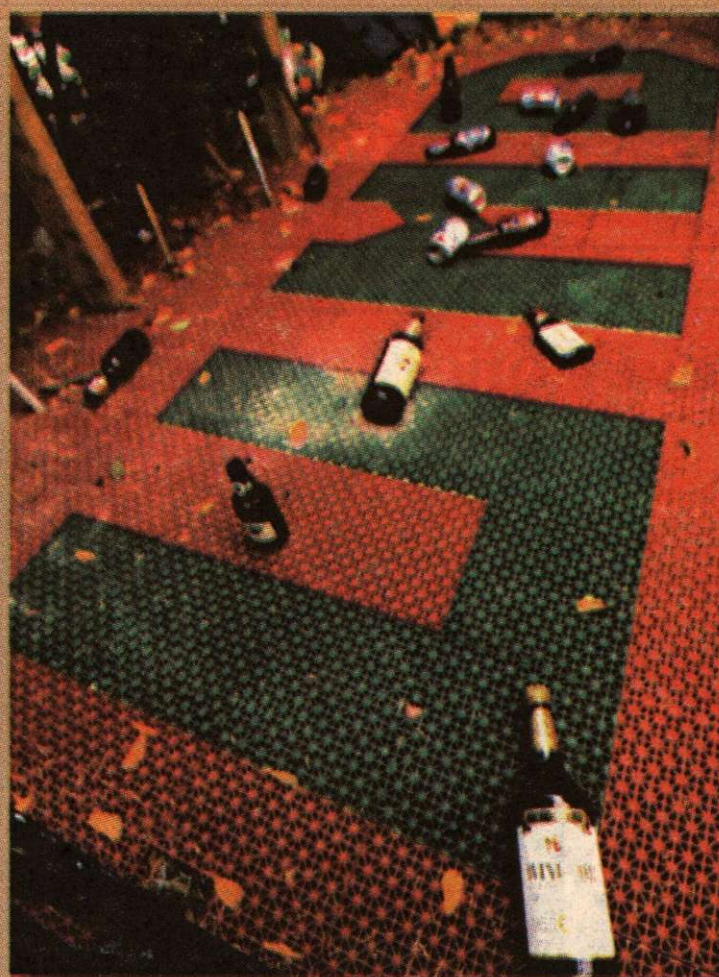
The average number of drinks a UMD binge drinker consumes is on the rise. The current average is 10.12 drinks in one sitting, double the amount required to classify it as a binge, which was also found in the Center's study.

Signs posted throughout the school is one method used by university officials to curb drinking problems.

"The signs haven't put a dent into student drinking," said Gildseth.

However, Gildseth does acknowledge the rise in student responsibility when it comes to drinking.

"Students have been



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using designated drivers now more than ever, and a lot of students are signing up for the \$2 cab rides," he said.

Perry's main duty as Chemical Health Educator is to teach alcohol awareness to UMD students.

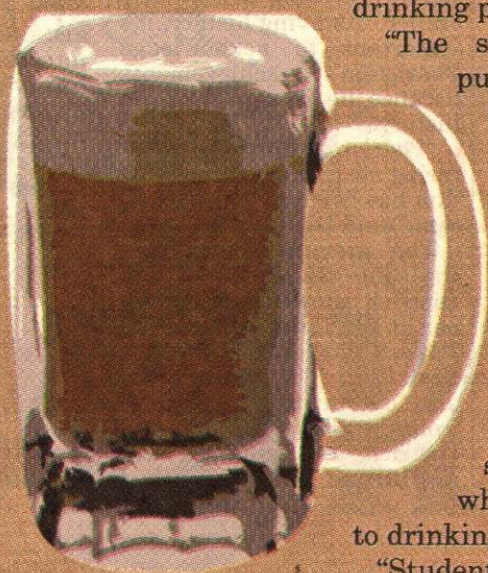
"There's a misconception that somebody who's an alcoholic drinks every single day, and that's not true," said Perry. "If at any point alcohol starts adversely affecting your daily life, you have a problem with alcohol."

Perry realizes that

what students recognize as a problem is going to differ from what the administration sees as a problem.

"I don't tell a student not to drink, that doesn't work," said Perry. "I try to get them to be more responsible when they do drink, and explain that issues such as DUI's and minor consumptions are good indications that a problem may exist."

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Arts & Entertainment

Thursday, October 12, 2006

The New Congress rocks UMD

By Ron Parpart
Statesman Staff Reporter

The New Congress (TNC), a six piece band from Minneapolis, performed Tuesday night in the Rafters and by the time they got through their first song, it was apparent they weren't just an average band.

Their sound is a mix of soul and hip-hop, combining turntables, hip hop beats, bongos and a funk bass line to leave them with a unique niche that's easy to catch on to.

Although the band was just formed in 2005, you'd never guess it from the way they played. At one point drummer Sean Smith and conga player Manny Fresh were the only two playing, seemingly just feeding off whatever tune the other was playing without ever missing a beat.

Aside from being able to play well, it was easy to see TNC's ability to adapt to unexpected circumstance. Aside from switching instruments between songs, I also witnessed Smith unexpectedly break a drumstick in half and keep the beat going with one while he had to have Fresh hand him a new one.

"[TNC] is a groovy group and Late Night Kirby is proud to have them," said junior and Late Night Kirby employee Dan Sarles.

While only a handful of people made it out to the show, it was pretty obvious that everyone there enjoyed the music.

"I saw them the first time



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The New Congress, a six-member soul and hip-hop band from Minneapolis, performed Tuesday in the Rafters.

on accident and didn't know who they were," said senior Kristin Wahlund who has seen TNC three times. "Now I come to see them deliberately."

When TNC finished their last song a yell of "one more song" rose up, almost in unison, from the crowd. Just as the crowd's request was about to be fulfilled, Wahlund called out for them to play an older song of theirs, "Only Human." TNC was surprised at the request and gladly played an old song.

Overall, the show was great and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

"The turn out could have been better but we had a great time," said Aaron Cosgrove (writing, singing, guitars).

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Documentary explores life of artist Philip Pearlstein

By Renae Conrad
Statesman Staff Reporter

The Tweed Lecture Gallery hosted a viewing last Thursday of the trailer for the independent film "Not Made in Heaven," a character narrative about the life and art of painter Philip Pearlstein.

The film is directed and produced by Art and Design faculty members Sarah Bauer and Jen Dietrich. It's moving into the post-production phase and is pushing to be released summer of 2007.

The film shows Pearlstein in a realistic setting, going about his usual activities and really illustrates his motivations for art and life in general. He has been described as one of the "most influential artist of the 20th century" and has also been coined as "obsessed with being ordinary," according to the film's trailer. As living history, it's important to acknowledge Pearlstein's achievements because he is a part of art history.

"Pearlstein has been mentoring me for a long time; this film has been my gift back to him," said Dietrich.

The preview shown was the same trailer Bauer and Dietrich showed in September at the Independent Film Project Market (IFP) in New York City. The film received an outstanding response from the IFP and Bauer and Dietrich said big names such as PBS and HBO approached

them at the IFP for further interest in the film. As much as these first time film makers want to grasp the attention of mass audiences, their plan is to first run the film through the independent circuit and then go straight to large broadcasting.

"This is the first major character narrative done on Pearlstein," said Bauer, who informed the gallery that the last piece done on Pearlstein was a 1983 workshop film.

Dietrich had previously thought about doing a documentary on her close friend and mentor Pearlstein, but during one of their frequent visits, she noticed the abrupt aging of the now 82 year old artist and decided to move the documentary hastily into production. After about a year of e-mails coaxing Pearlstein to partake and nearly four years of solid experience with a team of professionals, including a few UMD interns, Bauer and Dietrich finally got Pearlstein to open up and share emotions about his life.

"We didn't want it to be an art history biography picture nor an educational film," said Dietrich.

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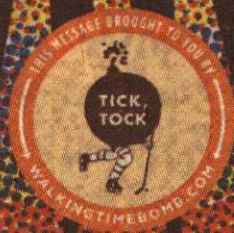
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RESEARCH SHOWS THAT MOST STUDENTS WHO SAY
THEY'LL QUIT SMOKING AFTER COLLEGE CAN'T.

Off-campus parking problematic

Student housing often does not provide adequate parking spaces

By Aaron Giannobile
Statesman Staff Reporter

Beyond the slew of on-campus parking problems at UMD are a whole mess of problems for students who own cars and have to park them on the street in front of their off-campus homes.

Students living in areas around UMD sometimes have to park more than a block away from their homes because cars may jam the streets parking bumper-to-bumper.

City Council member Greg Gilbert said it is a problem with the landlords as they put four or more students in houses built on 25 to 50 foot lots that were meant

for one family and one car.

"Landlords shouldn't rent to students where parking will be a problem," said Gilbert. "They have to find adequate parking for students."

There have been talks with student landlords about the on-street parking problem, but not much progress has been made, according to Gilbert.

Galt Speak property manager Linda Eng rents 28 homes to students within 12 blocks of UMD and said some of her tenants are forced to park on the street but most of her houses do provide adequate parking, many with small lots in back.

Eng said she has not

been contacted by the city about this issue but would like to see a cooperative effort between students, the city and landlords to help deal with parking.

"Duluth is a college town," said Eng. "The city should do all they can to work with landlords to make parking not a problem."

Parking ordinances are enforced on the students who live off-campus and can't find on-street parking.

UMD junior Josh Tounsignant lives in a four-person town home and everyone owns a car. Surrounding him are three other town homes adding another 12 people in the space of two lots.

All of the parking for the

homes is on-street, and there is no room in the back for any cars.

Duluth citizen Wallace Morse lives on a block where five of the seven houses are rented by students and is often left with no place to park.

"It gets so loaded," said Morse. "When I can't get my little car in, that's a problem."

Morse drives an old Plymouth Horizon that is small compared to some of the SUV's parked on his block.

Galt Speak owns three houses on a single block on Third Street. Eng is currently waiting for approval from the city to turn a lot located

on the corner into parking for students occupying the five homes.

"I would think (the city) would want to help us as much as possible," said Eng. "It's a priority for us to use the space we have."

Eng said it is unfortunate that students have to deal with these problems.

"These old houses are beautiful," said Eng. "It's nice for students to have an experience in a house; they shouldn't have to deal with parking problems."

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Love lessons for the college years

Sex in the
University
by Mary Callahan

A first nervous phone call. Saying the words "I love you." Years of kissing the same set of lips. These are all ingredients to different romantic relationships.

Many students who enter college come single and ready to meet their dream mate. However, there are a few that hold on to their high school sweethearts.

Senior Patrick Stalboeger has been with his girlfriend, Heidi, for almost five years since his senior year of high school.

"It was never a question of whether or not we'd stay together after graduation," said Stalboeger.

Even after all the years together, Stalboeger admits that the relationship is not perfect, but with a little work, it all gets better.

"We bicker all the time, and we don't keep things from each other," he said. "We talk about them instead of just pushing them away like some people."

While being close to the one you love is a plus, in some instances, distance makes the heart grow fonder.

In a study conducted by Purdue University, 25 percent of college students are in a long distance relationship.

Senior Phil Stern feels that he can relate, ever since his girlfriend recently left for an internship in Costa Rica.

"I knew that she'd be leaving when we first started dating, and I wasn't going to keep her from doing something that she wanted to do," said Stern.

However, Stern doesn't deny the challenges brought on by the distance.

"It's seeing everyone else get to hang out with their girlfriends on the weekend, and I just don't," said Stern.

His advice for other people trying to maintain a long distance relationship is to stay busy.

"If you're moping around the house, then that just sucks," said Stern. "Also,

have an open relationship, if there's anything happening you should just be honest."

Senior Kelly Prock can sympathize; as her boyfriend and fellow UMD student Steven Bjellard, went straight from training in Mississippi to fighting in Iraq. The two have been coupled for two years, but half of their relationship has been spent apart.

"We decided it would be harder to break up than stay together," she said. "We thought it would be better to take a chance than never to have known."

Although happy with their decision, remaining together has been quite the challenge.

"Being apart has been the hardest thing that the two of us have ever had to go through," said Prock. "Long distance relationships while in-state is a piece of cake compared to this; we've gone seven months without seeing each other. If I miss a phone call from him, it's devastating."

This relationship has taught her that communication is key.

"Don't bottle things up when all you have is a phone between the two of you," she said. "If we get in an argument on the phone, we only have a specific amount of time to clear it up."

While some people are waiting for a ring on the telephone, others are waiting for a ring on their finger.

Taking the plunge while in college is more common than you may think. According to www.acenet.edu, 14 percent of undergrad college students are currently married.

Senior Monica Gunderson decided to marry her boyfriend when she was 20 years old, before he left for Iraq.

"We're both gone during the day, so then, we have nights and weekends for each other," she said. "It's nice because I actually have a husband who does laundry and makes the bed. I know that I have someone to go home to who keeps me sane before I go to school."

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Jargons

October 23 - "Peru, South America, Amazon River Clinic Project Rotary District 5580" - Rafters

Dave Rutford traveled with a group of Northern Minnesota Rotarians to Peru and the Amazon River to build a clinic for an American doctor who transported her practice to the Amazon.

Lectures

October 30 - "Supernova Early Warning System" - Rafters

Dr. Alec Habig, Associate Professor of Physics at UMD and operations manager for the MINOS neutrino detector, will explain the Supernova Early Warning System and the part played by the neutrino detector at the Tower-Soudan mine.

COMPOSITION TEST-OUT SCHEDULE FOR Fall 2006

NOTE: This is the ONLY time during this academic year that credit by exam will be offered by the Department of Composition. After that time, only petitions for exemption will be considered.* To register for credit by exam at UMD: 1. Go to the Solon Campus Center Information Desk and obtain a ACredit by Exam@ form.

2. Take the ACredit by Exam@ form to the cashier's window in the Darland Administration Building and pay the \$30 fee. You will receive a green card from the cashier. 3. Bring the green card and the ACredit by Exam@ form to the Composition Department (Humanities 420) and register for the test-out. Deadlines for registration and the test-out schedules are below. **PLEASE NOTE:** *You cannot attempt to test out of a class for which you are currently registered. *If you are registered for a Composition Department test-out exam but do not take the exam, you must notify the Composition Department and return the preparation materials.

Comp 1120 Test-Out Exam

• Register for the exam in the Composition Office (H 420) before 12:00 noon on Friday, October 20, 2006.

• Pick up the preparation materials for the exam; they will be available after 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2006.

• Take the written exam on Wednesday, November 1, 2006, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in Engineering 204.

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• Register for the exam in the Composition Office (H 420) before 12:00 noon on Friday, October 20, 2006.

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• For those who pass the qualifying exam, pick up the preparation materials for the written exam after 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2006, in H 420.

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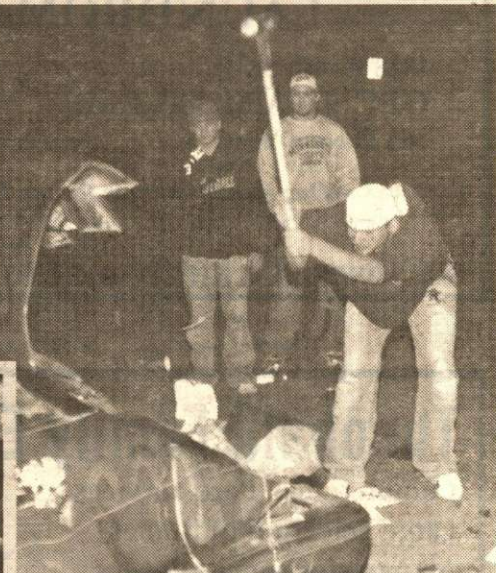
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Homecoming events attract students to show school spirit



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Horoscope

By **Stefanie Morrison**
Statesman Staff Reporter

libra

September 24 - October 23

You find your strength in relationships and feel most balanced when your relationships are blooming. Make sure to find pleasure in other things as well; anything that keeps your mind active has the potential for this.

scorpio

October 24 - November 22

Something unpredictable will happen this week. It's going to throw off your normal pattern, but everything will be pretty much back to normal by the 15th.

sagittarius

November 23 - December 22

You're seeking adventure this week and are going to find it in a very odd place. You may question your plans at first, but once you get going, you'll lose any doubts you had.

capricorn

December 23 - January 19

Someone is using you as his or her scapegoat, don't put up with it. Stop carrying the burdens of others on your shoulders.

aquarius

January 20 - February 19

Bide your time. What you're wanting will happen, but you must be patient and enjoy life without it a little bit longer.

pisces

February 20 - March 20

Normally you're very tolerant of others, but you'll find the next few days testing your patience. Make sure to get plenty of sleep and space from your everyday world.

aries

March 21 - April 20

You've been feeling left out in your friendships lately, like everyone keeps forgetting about you. Stop playing the victim and include yourself - you're making it out to be more than it is.

taurus

April 21 - May 21

Keeping your feelings hidden beneath the surface is not going to get you what you want, voicing them will. Opportunity is at your door this week - let it in.

gemini

May 22 - June 22

Overindulging is something you've been doing a lot of lately. Start taking better care of yourself. You will find things are more pleasurable in moderation.

cancer

June 23 - July 23

Your intuition is right on this week and where it leads you're sure to follow. You will be happy with where you end up.

leo

July 24 - August 23

Life has been extra challenging and you're getting tired. Continue to take care of your responsibilities, but stop revolving every part of your life around them.

virgo

August 24 - September 23

Nothing seems right; you're finding faults in most anything and have put yourself in a constant bad mood. Everything is pushing your buttons, you're even knocking yourself down and need to stop.

Outdoors

Thursday, October 12, 2006

"Scholars have long known that fishing eventually turns men into philosophers. Unfortunately, it is almost impossible to buy decent tackle on a philosopher's salary."

-Patrick F. McManus

Fall fishing for monster muskies

By Eric Senst

Statesman Staff Reporter

While many outdoor enthusiasts are hanging their deer stands and gearing their duck decoys, some sing a different tune.

It's no secret that the middle through late fall can be one of the most productive times of the year to catch monster muskies. If you missed out on catching one this spring or summer, don't worry, you may still have a chance at one of these four foot long tackle busters.

If you're willing to drive a few hours outside of Duluth, lakes such as Vermillion, Mille Laacs and Cass are good places to start your search for a trophy musky. Check out the St. Louis River or Island Lake for some musky action close to Duluth.

Next is choosing the right location within the lake. In the middle to late fall, muskies are usually quite predictable. Main lake points, rock piles, reefs, deep water drop-offs and islands adjacent to deep water basins attract big fish.

"Weed beds and weed lines can also be good in the fall," said Bender.

Once you have located these

areas, the trick is to fish them effectively and cover water while looking for fish that will bite. Trolling large, wide action crank baits and casting bucktails can be deadly for fall muskies.

Bender said that lots of fishermen are buying Bulldawgs, a soft, plastic bait that can also be productive in the fall.

The key to catching a fall musky is to keep moving and not get discouraged. If one spot isn't working try another. Don't be afraid to mix up your approach.

"Musky fishing is a lot of work; you can fish all day and not even see or catch one," said Bender.

However, by fishing high percentage areas and eliminating water, the odds will be in your favor to find active fish.

If you are lucky enough to land one of these ferocious beasts, catch, photo and release (CPR) is encouraged by most musky anglers. This will ensure the survival of this magnificent animal, as well as give future anglers a chance to battle one of nature's most resilient and fascinating game fish.

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Scott Senst poses with a 52-inch musky caught during a recent fall fishing trip.

Musky quick facts

- Muskies can swim at speeds up to 25 mph.
- The largest muskies can grow up to 70 pounds.
- There is a direct correlation between the size of a musky and the size of the prey a musky eats.
- The world record musky was caught near Hayward, Wis., and weighed just over 69 pounds.
- It is possible to estimate the weight of a musky by measuring the total length and girth of the fish.
- Muskies are known as the fish of 10,000 casts because they are hard to catch.
- Rising like a submarine, muskies can attack lures dangling off the side of a boat.
- Muskies can live nearly 20 years.

Fall colors highlight homecoming 5k race

By Aaron Giannobile

Statesman Staff Writer

The trails of UMD's Bagley Nature Area welcomed 57 runners of all ages on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 7 for the annual Homecoming 5k race.

Students, children and adults ran the 3.1 mile race that consisted of two laps around the leaf-blanketed east and west trail loops that lie behind the Oakland Apartments.

"Race-day is the easy part," said Thom Rieck, UMD junior and Special Activities Director for the Sports and Health Center (SpHC), who headed the race. "It's the preparation that's hard."

Amanda Carlson, a first-year medical student at UMD, was the first female to cross the line with a time of 27 minutes, 40.8 seconds. Carlson said she ran the 26.2 mile Grandmas Marathon in June and has been an avid runner ever since.

"It was a tough course, a beautiful day but defiantly a challenge," said Carlson.

After completing the 1.5 kilometer east loop, the runners faced a long hill that spanned the first half of the 1.2 kilometer west loop.

UMD freshman Andy Richter finished with a time of 23:47.9 and was the first male to cross the line. Richter said he felt good during the race but ran into trouble after hitting the hill.

"My legs were burning, and I was breathing hard at the top," said Richter. "Then there's a long coast to the finish; it's awesome."

Everyone was in good spirits after the race was done and walked off to meet in the SpHC lobby for the post-race ceremony.

"The fall colors are great," said Rieck. "It's a good way to celebrate homecoming."

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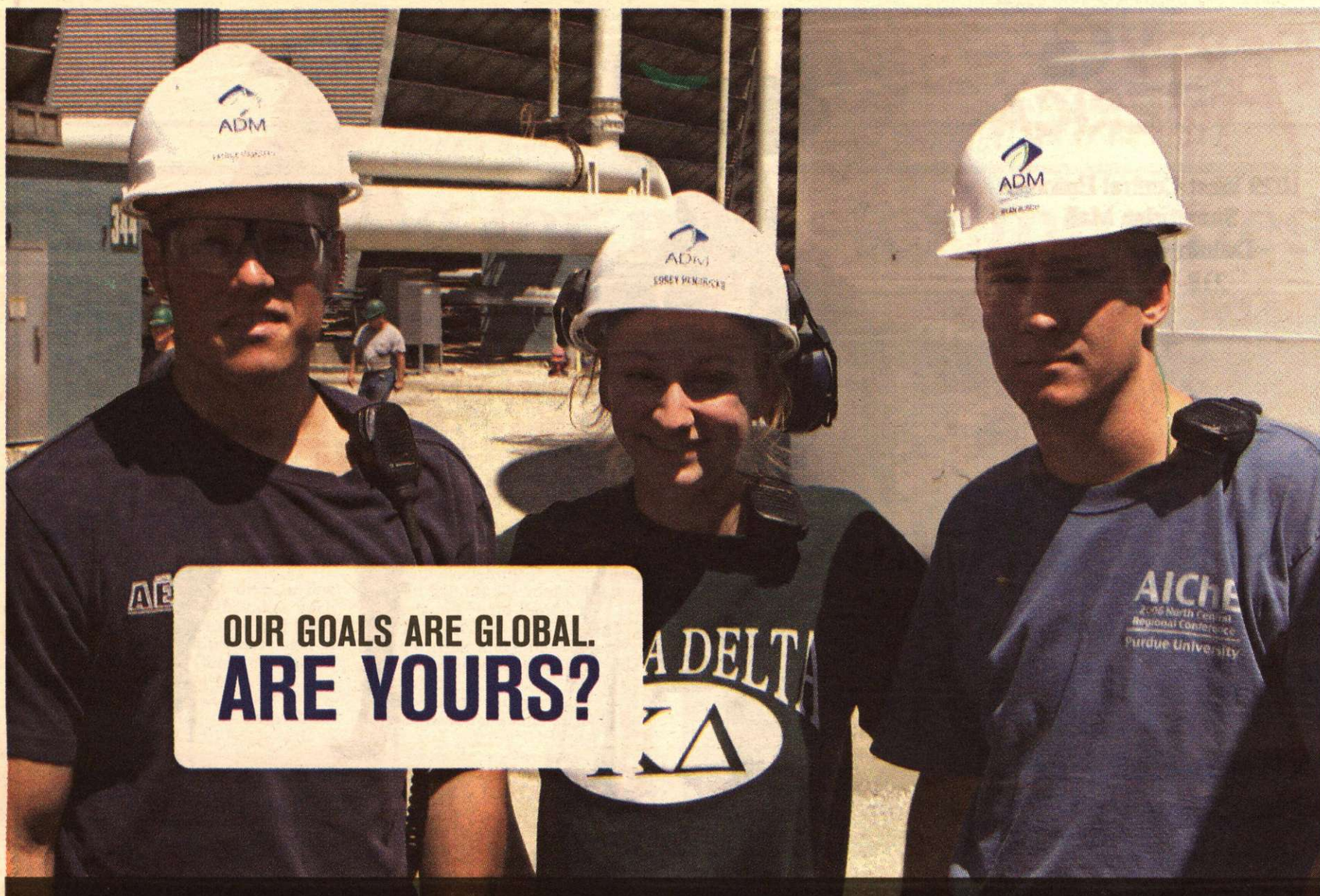


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FANTASY FOOTBALL

week 6

By Adan Pachon Mueller
Statesman Staff Reporter

QUARTERBACK: Matt Hasselbeck

Hasselbeck and the Seahawks were on the bye in week five, but be sure that they had the 37-6 meltdown to the Bears from week four fresh on their minds.

So why would anyone have any confidence in playing Hasselbeck after a 196 yard, zero touchdown performance?

For starters, they go from facing the amazing Bears defense, to a much weaker Rams team. Seattle will not

see the return of Shaun Alexander, but let's not forget the five touchdown performance Hasselbeck delivered against the New York Giants the previous week without Alexander.

Expect Hasselbeck to come out firing in a big divisional game against the Rams.

RUNNING BACK: Ladonian Tomlinson (LT)

I will go out on a limb and predict a big game from the best runner in the league, against a defense who has already allowed five rushing touchdowns through the first five weeks.

After a mildly disappoint-

ing performance in week five (13 carries for 36 yards, eight receptions for 34 yards), Tomlinson should give a performance worthy of the top three pick that most leagues made in 2006.

LT should cruise past the 49ers' defense so easily that the 49ers will look like, well, the 49ers.

WIDE RECIEVER: Chad Johnson

Like Hasselbeck, Johnson and the Bengals were on the bye in week five. I would bet that Johnson used some of his time off planning some crazy touchdown dance in preparation for Sunday ver-

sus the Bucs.

Defenses have focused on Johnson, and allowed T.J. Houshmandzadeh and Chris Henry to have big games. Henry has now been suspended for violating the substance abuse policy, and it's time for Johnson to step up.

Johnson gave a great performance in the most recent commercial for ESPN's Sports Center but expect an even better one Sunday in Tampa Bay.

SLEEPER: Jon Kitna

Kitna is quietly putting together a very solid 2006 season.

Excluding week one, Kitna has now had four straight weeks with two touchdowns. Detroit is at home against a Buffalo team, which was down 40-0 going into the last two minutes against the Chicago Bears.

Detroit's offense is young, fast and built for success on turf.

Expect Kitna to continue his solid play and perhaps lead the powerhouse known as the Detroit Lions to their first win of the year.

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FOOTBALL

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receivers and the safeties on both squads, which were ever-present in the first half.

In the first quarter, Augustana's quarterback Tommy Flyer scored on a quarterback sneak. In the second quarter, Schlafke hooked up with Tony Doherty on a 24-yard touchdown pass. That's 18 consecutive games with a touchdown pass for Schlafke. The crowd kept the intensity up, and the Bulldogs' defense seemed to really feed off of the energy.

The offense on the other hand, had some problems. Schlafke, who was hindered by an ankle injury, threw five interceptions and lost one fumble. The fumble was probably the most costly turnover as it gave Augustana a 21-7 lead in the third quarter.

The third quarter itself was definitely the most disturbing part of the game. The Bulldogs gave up three touchdowns and gained none themselves. The fans stopped heckling the refs; the cowbells and boom sticks stopped sounding off; people were leaving the game, and the players looked like they wanted to.

The final score of the game was Augustana 35, UMD 7. The Bulldogs play Minnesota State University Mankato this Saturday. Mankato is 2-4 overall and 0-3 in the North Central Conference.

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**By Ali Draves and
Jim Salmela**
Statesman Staff Reporter

X-Country

The Bulldog cross-country team completed a successful day of races last Saturday as the women's team finished second in the 6k, while the men's runners split with some running the 10k and others in the 8k.

Leading the Bulldog women's team was junior Liz Palkie who finished with a fourth place overall time of 23:30. Freshman Katelyn Meger followed closely behind finishing fifth with a time of 23:32. Senior Kristin Zinmaster and sophomore Emma Bahe finished seventh and ninth respectively with times of 23:56 and 24:37.

While the Bulldog men's team didn't have a complete team in the 8k race, junior Nick Salay finished with a seventh place overall time of 28:33. Freshman Jared Clementson finished eighth with a time of 28:40. The Bulldog men's team won the

10k race as junior Eric Atkinson finished first overall with a time of 32:25. Junior John Kallemeyn finished second with a time of 33:18, and senior Brian Polski finished third with a time of 33:50.

Both men's and women's teams had several alumni running in each race. The next meet for both teams is next Saturday as they compete in the Jim Drews/Tori Neubauer Invitational in La Crosse, Wis. at 10:30 a.m. for the men and 11:30 a.m. for the women.

SOCCER

Minnesota State University Mankato (the Mavericks) avenged their loss to the Bulldogs from earlier this season by defeating the Bulldogs 2-1 last Friday in Mankato.

The Mavericks 6-4-1 overall and 5-1-1 in North Central Conference (NCC), struck first in the second half with two goals coming late.

UMD's Claire Dahmen answered for the Bulldogs

(7-4-2, 3-3-1 in NCC) with a goal in the 63rd minute to make it 2-1. Megan Nichols recorded the assist, but it wasn't enough as the tough Mavericks defense held the Bulldogs to only three shots after that.

However, the Bulldogs ended a five-game winless slump with a 2-0 victory over

Bulldog Rundown



Augustana last Sunday in Sioux Falls.

Sammy Case and Alyssa Clayton both scored goals for the Bulldogs. Heather Cutter, Rita Lerud and Meghan Roth all earned assists in the win.

The Bulldogs' next game is against North Dakota Sunday Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. on Griggs Field.

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HOCKEY

More than 3,000 Bulldog hockey fans attended Thursday's exhibition game against the Lakehead Thunderwolves of Thunder Bay, cheering UMD to victory, 8-1.

The first period was a heated game, both teams anxious to take the lead. Mason Raymond scored for UMD in the first period on the power play. The assist came from MacGregor Sharp and Nick Kemp, making the score 1-0. UMD goaltender Josh Johnson had eight saves; contributing to the Bulldogs' impeccable defense.

The Bulldogs came on strong in the second period, with Michael Gergen scoring for UMD, giving Andrew Carroll and Ryan Geris the assist.

Gergen was on fire, scoring for UMD again at 12:31, with an assist from Matt McKnight and Josh Meyers, making the score 3-0.

Later in the second period, Logan Gorsalitz scored with

Mike Curry and Jeff McFarland on the assist making the score 4-0. UMD goaltender Nate Ziegelmann kept the Thunderwolves off the board, making seven saves.

The Bulldogs had the momentum going into the third period, with another goal from Jordan Fulton, Carroll with the assist. Drew Akins continued the scoring trend, with Bryan McGregor and Travis Gawryletz with an assist in a power play.

Fulton got his second goal of the game, scoring at 14:27, Gergen and Geris with the assist, again on the power play. The score was now 7-0.

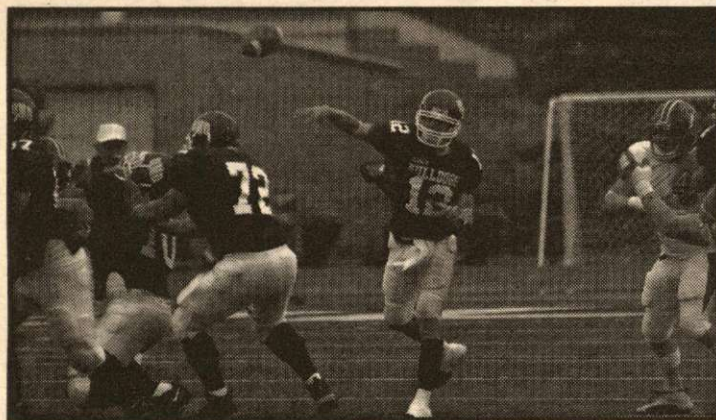
Fans watched as Jason Garrison scored near the end of the third period goal at 14:57, giving Matt Niskanen and McFarland the assist.

Late in the third period, the Thunderwolves scored for the first time in the game, but it was too little too late.

The final score was 8-1, the Bulldogs looking impressive in their debut for the 2006-2007 season.

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The crowd couldn't help the football team on homecoming



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Ted Schlafke throws a pass to one of his receivers down field.

By Jesse Murray
Statesman Staff Reporter

The fans who attended the Bulldogs' homecoming game saw a close first half. Both the Duluth home crowd and Augustana's visiting section were loud and really into the game.

"The atmosphere at homecoming is awesome playing in front of so many more people. It's too bad we couldn't give them a better showing," said sophomore quarterback Ted Schlafke.

Watching the student section scream and yell vulgar things at the referees near

the endzone is one of the more amusing things that people can watch, besides the game.

Once the alcohol began to enter the blood stream of the student section, the insults become more vulgar and less and less clever.

One of the advantages to watching a Bulldog game as a UMD student is fans can literally be five feet from the players when they're in the end zone.

When the action gets closer to the student section, the crowd lets their presence be heard as they scream at the

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they all came with no runners on base.

Though the season ended in a very disappointing fashion, Twins fans are not all at a loss. After all, this was a historic year.

The turnaround was the greatest in Twins history. Joe Mauer, the hometown hero from St. Paul, made history becoming the first catcher to win the American League batting title.

Johan Santana had what will likely be another Cy-Young year.

Justin Morneau has a legitimate shot at the MVP.

And who could possibly forget the phenomenal lefty Francisco Liriano?

Twins fans can always look forward to next season, and that's really all they can do.

Look forward to the superior one-two punch of Santana and Liriano. Although Radke will likely not come back next year, the year allowed us to see what rookies Bonser and Matt Garza are made of. Both pitchers will likely have a role in the rotation next season.

Nick Punto had a breakout year that has earned him the starting third base role for next season.

Look for Morneau and

Cuddyer to have great years again.

Mauer is not even in his prime yet and still has the potential to hit with power. Jason Bartlett proved that he can swing the bat at a major league level and has the ability to play his short stop position with the best of them.

It has been a question all year long whether or not Torii Hunter would be back with the Twins next season. His contract was up at the end of the year with a \$12 million option for next season. Tuesday the Twins picked up that option, ensuring Hunter will be in a Twins uniform for one more season.

Although the Twins couldn't win it all this year, fans should look towards next season with hope.

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O-line blocks for success



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The offensive line sets up against Augustana's defensive line during the Bulldog's Homecoming game last Saturday Oct. 7, 2006.

By Pete Carpenter
Statesman Staff Reporter

"Young" is the one word that UMD football alum Adam Fechhelm used to describe the offensive line. Truer words couldn't have been spoken; four of the five linemen are making their first starts this year.

To think that this inexperience would hurt the team is completely wrong. UMD football is in the midst of a 4-2 season.

With the help of the only returning starter to the line, Mark "Knudy" Knudsen, the young line has been dominating games while only giving up two sacks per 40 pass attempts.

"Last year the guys had two years to make up gaps, the young guys have had only half a year," said Knudsen, a team captain. "They're

doing awesome."

The challenges of starting their first college games haven't slowed the young guys down.

"The challenges of learning the new system were greater last spring," said Phil Longo, offensive line coach. "This fall we needed to get good at the system and get our technique down and apply what we do in practice into games."

With three of the five starters being freshmen, UMD is tops in the North Central Conference in passing yards, pass completions and touchdowns.

Phil Longo is in his first season with the team and credits Knudsen with helping the young players mature into their roles.

"Mark has taken everyone under his wing. He is a great leader for the offensive line,"

said Longo of his only senior lineman.

Knudsen is quick to say the line isn't perfect, but the talent is definitely there.

"We make mistakes in practice. The new guys have had only a year to get used to the college game. It's a lot faster in your first college game," said Knudsen. "They just need to prepare mentally to get going."

At season's start, it was assumed that the position players would be the team leaders, but things changed early in the season.

"The first weeks of the season, the wide receivers and quarterbacks were supposed to take the pressure off the line," said Longo of the team. "But it's the other way around. The O-line really came together with Mark."

The challenges of the

young line are still there this season, but their focus has shifted from learning the speed of the college game to staying healthy and staying physical, which the team has always prided themselves on.

The best way to cope with the challenges of the long season, according to Knudsen, is to "work hard and work at making yourself the best."

Next year they should have five returning starters, and with the wisdom of Knudsen instilled in their tightly knit family, they just might be the NCC's best offensive line.

"Their future is anything they want to make it," said Knudsen. "They're only going to get better. They're looking good."

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Twins' postseason over quick

By Tajen Stockdale
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Last Friday, the Twins took an early exit out of the playoffs after losing three-straight to Oakland, a disappointing end to a very exciting season.

After winning the American League Central Division on the final day of the season, the Twins found themselves opening at home against Oakland, instead of away in New York.

It turns out, that didn't matter. Both the Twins and the Yankees, the two teams that many thought would go to the American League Championship Series (ALCS), are now out of the playoffs.

The Twins basically fell flat once they hit the postseason. Since June 7, in the regular season the Twins had the best record in the majors, going 71-33.

They also had the best batting average in the major leagues and they played with top-notch defense. Though once the regular season was over and the postseason began, that all changed.

Johan Santana was his usual self but where was the offense in his start?

Joe Mauer, Michael Cuddyer, Justin Morneau and Torii Hunter combined for one hit in his start.

Boof Bonser pitched well in game two, but again, the offense wasn't there.

Sure, Cuddyer and Morneau hit homeruns, but both were solo. Then of course, Hunter fails to play the looping liner to center, a play that Twins fans would expect Hunter to make.

The Twins made three errors in the third game of the series. A botched grounder to Morneau allowed the seventh inning to continue leading to four runs. The Twins hit five
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